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SUMMARY. RECENT PYONGYANG VISITOR AND LDP DIETMAN UTSOUNOMIYA
CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF AUGUST 1 MOST POINTS ATTRIBUTED
TO KIM IL-SUNG IN REFTELS. UTSUNOMIYA EMPHASIZED KIM'S DESIRE FOR
DIRECT TALKS WITH US AS MEANS OF REDUCING TENSIONS IN KOREAN
PENINSULA. HE SAID PM MIKI HAD LISTENED CAREFULLY TO HIS REPORT BUT,
AS PRIMIN, MIKI MUST CONSIDER OTHER OPINIONS WITHIN LDP AND THAT OF
FONOFF AS WELL. THROUGHOUT, UTSUNOMIYA EMPHASIZED PEACEFUL INTENTIONS
OF NORTH KOREA.
END SUMMARY.

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1. EMBOFF MET AUGUST 1 WITH LDP DOVE AND LONGTIME MIKI ADVISOR

TUKUMA UTSUNOMIYA TO DISCUSS LATTER'S MEETING WITH KIM IL-SUNG. UTSUNOMIYA SIAD MEETING TOOK PALACE JULY 15 IN OUT-SKIRTS OF PYONGYANG AND LASTED SEVERAL HOURS, ALTHOUGH MUCH TIME WAS REQUIRED FOR INTERPRETATION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS, UTSUNOMIYA SAID KIM DENIED ANY INTENTION OF MARCHING SOUTH. KIM ALSO WISHED TO NEGOTIATE WITH US TO CONVERT PRESENT CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT INTO PEACE TREATY TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN KOREAN PENINSULA. WHEN EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY AMERICANS PART OF UNC AND THUS IT NOT APPROPRIATE FOR U.S. TO TAKE PART IN NEGOTIATIONS, UTSUNOMIYA SAID THAT UN FORCES WERE IN FACT U.S. FORCES AND THUS U.S. COULD NEGOTIATE. TO EMBOFF'S CONTINUED DEMURRAL, UTSUNOMIYA SAID PROBLEM REALLY WAS THAT KIM SIMPLY COULD NOT COMMUNICATE WITH PARK CHUNG-HEE, AND THUS, IF TENSION TO BE REDUCED KIM MUST TALK WITH U.S. IMPORTANT THING, UTSUNOMIYA SIAD, IS FOR U.S. TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH KIM CONCERNING REDUCTION OF TENSIONS, PEACE TREATY, RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, OR WHATEVER. UTSUNOMIYA SAID KIM HAD NOT SINGLED OUT JAPAN FOR INTERMEDIARY ROLE RATHER, UTSUNOMIYA CONTINUED, ANY MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE COUNTRY WOULD DO SUCH AS CHINA, JAPAN OR ALGERIWNM

3. UTSUNOMIYA SIAD KIM WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO UN ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS SINCE IT WOULD CREATE IMPRESSION OF PERMANENTLY DIVIDED COUNTRY. WHEN EMBOFF REMARKED THAT PRESENT OBSERVER STATUS FOR BOTH KOREAS WAS LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM UN MEMBERSHIP, UTSUNOMIYA SAID SIMPLY THAT KIM WOULD NOT AGREE.

4. UTSUNOMIYA SAID CHINESE-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS WERE CURRENTLY GOOD, THAT KIM HAD TALKED WITH CHOU EN-LAI DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PEKING AND INTENDED ANOTHER PEKING VISIT TO DISCUSS BORDER ISSUES AND PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL NON-INTERVENTION, ETC. KIM'S ONLY REFERENCE TO SOVIETS, UTSUNOMIYA SAID, WAS JOKING REMARK TO EFFECT THAT, IF SOUTH KOREANS OBTAINED ADDITIONAL SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY FROM U.S., HE WOULD BE FORCED TO BUY EXPENSIVE WEAPONRY FROM MOSCOW.

5. UTSUNOMIYA REPORTED THAT KIM APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, THAT NORTH KOREAN ECONOMY, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, IS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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GOOD SHAPE, PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. USUNOMIYA ADDED THAT SOUTH KOREAN ECONOMY, TOO, WOULD RUN IN RED WITHOUT U.S. AND JAPANESE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. USUNOMIYA PROMISED EMBOFF FULL TRANSCRIPT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH KIM AS SOON AS IT IS PREPARED.

6. COMMENT. DURING CONVERSATION, UTSUNOMIYA'S OUTER OFFICE WAS JAMMED WITH PETITIONERS, DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH

HIS RECENT TRAVELS, AND JOURNALISTS. HE, HIMSELF, WAS LESS AT EASE THAN USUAL AND BASICALLY RESPONDED ONLY TO QUESTIONS. ONLY THEME TO WHICH HE REALLY WARMED WAS NECESSITY FOR DIRECT U.S. CONTACT WITH KIM, WHOM HE IMPLIED WAS ONLY NORTH KOREAN WORTH TALKING TO GIVEN CENTRALIZATION OF POWER IN NORTH KOREA.

7. IN GENERAL, HE SEEMED MORE VAGUE ABOUT KIM'S COMMENTS THAN INDICATED BY PRESS REPORTS (REFTELS) AND MORE MODEST CONCERNING HIS LIKELY IMPACT ON PM MIKI'S THINKING THAN PRESS CURRENTLY SUGGESTS. WHILE HE MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT OUT CONCRETE ASPECTS OF KOREAN SITUATION, ONE ASPECT OF HIS THINKING IS COMPLETELY CLEAR: HE BELIEVES ONLY DIRECT U.S. CONTACT WITH KIM CAN REDUCE TENSIONS IN PENINSULA AND BELIEVES CURRENT "GOOD RELATIONS" BETWEEN U.S. AND CHINA CAN SERVE AS MODEL.
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